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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006, Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.